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Summary

The Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Assem. Bill 590; Stats. 2009, ch. 457) provided that, beginning in fiscal year 2011-12, one or more pilot projects selected by the Judicial Council are to be funded to provide legal representation and improved court services to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs. On May 15, 2020, the Judicial Council approved the recommendation of the Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee, based on a competitive application process, to fund 11 pilot projects and defer another three applications for additional consideration. The committee now recommends that one of the deferred pilot projects be funded.

Recommendation

The Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective May 21, 2021, approve a Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act grant in an amount not to exceed \$452,698 to the Justice and Diversity Center and the Superior Court of San Francisco. The grant will allow provision of legal representation and improved court services in child custody matters for low-income litigants. The grant would be for a 12-month period beginning June 1, 2021, ending May 31, 2022.